

BTA ONE FRAME COMPETITIONS

Our competitions were held, as always, as part of the The South of England Stamp and Postcard Fair & Sussex Convention, organised by the Association of Sussex Philatelic Societies. We are always looked after well at this event, with plenty of space, and enough frames to mount all our competition entries plus five frames of display material advertising the BTA.

The number of entries was slightly down this year, but the quality was very fine indeed, giving passing viewers a glimpse of just what can be achieved in the pictorial classes.



Wayne Cox

*Chairman Barry Stagg
and Jan Nyeki*



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THEMATIC PHILATELY

Jan Nyeki Tell me please, why Sudan was the last one? 88

The last male white northern rhino, called Sudan, died on 18th March 2018 in Oi Pejeta conservatory in Kenya. At that time he had almost a celebratory status: tourists, stamps from Kenya, and even his own Tinder account. But his full story, told through a conversation between a grandmother and her granddaughter, is one of attempts at conservation, and ultimately, extinction.

OPEN PHILATELY

Jim Etherington British wartime evacuations 79

In 1938, with war looming, the Government Evacuation Scheme was developed, designed to protect people, particularly children, from the risks associated with aerial bombing. Named 'Operation Piper' evacuations of children, pregnant women and disabled people started on 1st September 1939, with over 1.5 million evacuated in just two days. This exhibit showed a range of material associated with the Scheme.

Andrew Millington Fighting fungi in the foliage 79

Plants are at war every day with fungal spores. At best fungi cause unsightly plants, but more seriously they reduce crop yields and can even kill plants. Copper compounds are widely used to treat these diseases, and this display looked at the use of copper for seed dressing, then at the discovery of Bordeaux Mixture and its application to a wide range of crops.

PICTURE POSTCARDS

Jim Etherington Postcards from the BEF, 1939 - 1940 74

The British Expeditionary Force (BEF) was the contingent of the British Army sent to France at the outbreak of war in 1939. Postcards were a graphic way of telling its history, and the exhibit showed some fascinating examples including some lovely examples of 'silks'.

Lawrence Fisher A brief glance into the Jewish stereotype 83

The term anti-Semitism was first coined in 1879. It means 'Jew hatred' but this is a hatred that goes back thousands of years. It is a perception that Jews are alien and disloyal, conspiring to harm humanity, and thus Jews are sometimes blamed when things go wrong. This reprehensible attitude has led to stereotypes being adopted, some of them shown here in this sobering postcard exhibit.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS

Wayne Cox The postman's round 93

The postman (known as a letter carrier until 1883) has been a familiar site in Britain's towns and villages for centuries. This exhibit took a light-hearted look at the daily tasks of the postman out on the street, doing his rounds, carrying out deliveries and collections, encountering the public and attempting to avoid hazards and distractions, all of which were depicted on these cards.